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ATTEND THE CIVIC IMPROVEMENT MEETING NEXT MONDAY AFTERNOON

SIX HUNDRED ACRES OF FEED.

Randall County Citizen Raising Large Field of Milo Maize and Kaffir Corn.

In this big west and south-western country the people generally do things on a large scale when they do undertake anything in the way of farming.

This week the News reporter visited the farm of L. E. Cowling, northeast of the city, and he was amazed at what he saw out there. The first of last May the whole section was in pasture and not a furrow turned, but Mr. Cowling started twenty-two plows at work and turned and planted six hundred acres of milo maize and kaffir corn and when this reporter visited the place a large number of men were busy in cutting and caring for the feed which has now matured.

In speaking with the News reporter Mr. Cowling said that he did not know just what the crop would make as it was about his first experience in the raising of the grain but that he thought that it would make at least a ton per acre which, weighing 50 pounds per bushel, we estimate at today's market quotations, as being worth \$20.00 per acre. Mr. Cowling paid \$2.00 per acre for breaking, twenty-five cents per acre for sowing, \$1.00 per acre for cutting and it would cost about \$1.75 for threshing the product of an acre, making a total expense of \$5.00 per acre to come off of the price of the product, which will net him a good income. Others have estimated that the crop would make

more than what Mr. Cowling has estimated.

Mr. Cowling owns other lands near this section and it is his intention to plant about one thousand acres of wheat this fall.

Railroad Meeting.

There will be a railroad mass meeting at the court house, Tuesday, the 13th, 7:30 p. m. Every citizen who has the good of his town and county at heart is expected to be present. Let there be no foes lurking in the forest. Bring your hatchet and come out. L. E. COWLING, Chairman.

Judge Cyrus Eakman has returned from Albuquerque, N. M., where he had been attending the Irrigation Congress. He reports that they all had a fine time and that the meeting was very harmonious and that he thought that the meeting would result in much good for the arid districts where irrigation was necessary. Judge Eakman was one of the delegates from the state of Texas to this convention having had considerable experience with irrigation while he lived in the Pecos Valley country.

On October 1st the postage rate between the United States and England was reduced from five cents per ounce to two cents. Already reports are coming from England that the new rate has swamped the postal clerks of the city of London.

Mrs. L. S. Carter returned from a visit to her daughter at Paducah last Friday.

TO ORGANIZE IMPROVEMENT CLUB.

Ladies of Town Will Undertake to Instill Interest in People for More Beautiful Town.

For some time there has been an interest shown among the ladies of this city in beautifying the streets and yards and other public places in town and this interest has culminated in a call for a meeting of the citizens of the town at the court room in the court house next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock when it is expected that a permanent organization will be effected.

Those who have the matter in charge at present hope that every lady in the town and as many gentlemen as can find it convenient, will attend the meeting.

These ladies have undertaken a laudible enterprise and every citizen of the town should come out to this meeting and learn something of what they intend to do.

BALL PLAYERS RESERVED.

Former Members of Cow Boys are Reserved for Texas Teams Next Year.

Secretary J. H. Farrell of the National Base Ball Commission has issued the list of players of base ball who have been reserved by the various teams in the country for the coming season.

Among those who are mentioned are some members of the famous "Canyon City Cow Boy Base Ball Team" which made such a record in this state and a number of the northern states last season. Roy Mitchell who was one of the pitchers was reserved on the pitching staff of the San Antonio team while F. L. Strebel and L. Hellman who were infielders on this home team will have berths with Austin for the coming season.

A Great Big Sweet Potato.

For a long time the citizens of this county have known that all kinds of vegetables which mature under the ground would grow here in paying quantities and from time to time there have been shown to this reporter different varieties of these products.

It has fallen to S. A. Shotwell of this city to cap the climax in the way of sweet potatoes this week when he sent to this office one of these tubers which measured twenty-five and a half inches around it and weighed eight pounds and two ounces.

This monster potato was grown in Mr. Shotwell's garden in this city and he says that he had been sick most of the time and could not work the garden and that if he had been able to work it is no telling how large this potato would have grown. It was big enough anyhow, thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Burnham, who have been living on their land in the northwestern part of the county, are moving to this city this week and will occupy the former residence of Dr. Latham on West Evelyn street.

Commissioners' Court in Session.

The commissioners' court of Randall county has been in session this week checking up the tax rolls, all the members of the court being present. They expect to complete their work by this afternoon, after which the rolls will be turned over to the tax collector for the collection of taxes.

Apple Tree Blooms Twice.

This country is good and we know it but when an apple tree tries to grow two crops a year that is carrying the matter too far. One of our citizens showed this reporter this week a branch of an apple tree which had its second blossoms for this season upon it.

Hides Went Down.

Last Tuesday afternoon the horse hitched to the delivery wagon of Crowdus Brother & Hume, and driven by J. F. Hood of this city ran away scattering the load of dry hides along the street in good fashion. No serious damages was done to either the driver or the hides and wagon. Mr. Hood is at a loss to know whether the horse became frightened at himself or the hides, but in any event the hides certainly went down.

A Surprise Party.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith living North of this city surprised them in their new home last Friday night by coming in upon them in a body. A most enjoyable evening was spent by those present. Though the affair was an entire surprise to the host and hostess still they knew just what to do in order to properly entertain their visitors and it was not until a late hour that the gathering dispersed.

Profit in the Garden.

Mrs. L. A. Pierce who lives northwest of the city, has accomplished a great deal with her garden this year. She has had all the garden vegetables that their family could use and has marketed a great deal in this city. Last Monday Mr. and Mrs. Pierce brought to this city and sold to King's Grocery Store a lot of black eyed peas and Mexican beans for which that store paid her \$20.70 which is no small item to come from a garden, and they have not marketed all they raised either.

The Star Barber Shop is on the west side of the square.

FINE FRUIT GROWN HERE.

News Reporter Visits Orchard Near this City—The Apple Crop Is Immense.

This News reporter is always sticking his nose into other people's business in order to find out what is going on around this country. Last Wednesday he went out to see the orchard of W. F. Heller just southwest of the city. He had been told several times about this eight acres planted in trees but had not been out there and when he did go, to say that he was surprised at what he found is putting it very mildly.

Mr. Heller is one of the oldest if not the oldest settler in the county, and when he found that the time of the ranch had passed and that this country was to become a farming section, he decided to try his hand in the agricultural pursuits. Among other things he planted some trees, peaches and plums, and they have been growing and bearing fruit for nearly twenty years, which is an exceeding long life for any fruit tree.

Some four or five years ago Mr. Heller decided to try his hand at apples and he began putting out trees until now he has an orchard and vineyard containing about eight acres. Most of the peaches have already been gathered and marketed, as has also the plums. The larger portion of the apples are still on the trees and they are immense, both in size and quantity, and as for quality they cannot be beaten anywhere and this is no idle boast.

All around the trees show evidences of the heavy fruitage and the cellar at Mr. Heller's house confirms the statement that the yield was large. If any one has any doubt but that fine fruit can and is grown here he has but to go out there and take a look.

Amarillo Opera House.

This office is in receipt of one of the programs for the first entertainment to be given in the new opera house at Amarillo on the 12th instant. The play will be "The Burgomaster" with Harry Hermesen and Miss Ruth White at the head of the cast. The program is a gem of the printer's art.

Marriage License Issued.

County Clerk Tate last Monday issued marriage license for James W. Wesley, a son of H. E. Wesley, a resident of the south-eastern portion of the county, and Miss Annie Evans. Up to the time of going to press we have not been able to ascertain whether or not the ceremony had been performed.

Alfalfa hay for sale by R. G. Oldham.

The Canyon National Bank

Capital \$50,000.00
Surplus and Profits 16,000.00

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